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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows:

Paragraph beginning at page 8, line 3 has been amended as follow:

As shown in Fig. 1, the product information system of the present embodiment
(hereinafter, simply referred to as "information system") 1 is provided with user terminal units
3, a main server 10, subservers 30 and the like which are mutually connected via a network 2
such as the Internet, the main server 10 and the subservers 30 function as servers each having an
Internet server such as a WWW server and a CGI (Common Gateway Interface) script, and the
user terminal units 3 function as clients each having a browser. Herein, the main server 10 and
the subservers 30 are servers installed on the side of a machine tool manufacturer and the user
terminal units 3 are terminal units used by machine tool distributing agents. In addition, the
subservers 30 are disposed in the respective regions determined by dividing a business area into
several regions. Hereinafter, details of each portion will be described.

Paragraph beginning at page 8, line 18 has been amended as follows:

As shown in Fig. 2, the main server 10 is provided with a main information disclosing
section 12, a user information registering section 13, an address searching section 14, an address
sending section 15, a provision result data receiving section 16, a provision result data outputting
section 17 comprising a CPU (Central Processing Unit), a ROM (Read Only Memory), a RAM
(Random Access Memory), a program storing section and the like; a disclosure data storing

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section 18, a user information storing section 19, and a provision result data storing section 20 comprising an auxiliary storing device such as a hard disk and the like; a communication section 11 and the like, and is connected to the above network 2 via the said communicating section 11. In addition, an output device 21 is connected to the provision result data outputting section 17.
